

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARGARET ALLIS

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mrs. Margaret Allis, on her 90th birthday. Margaret V. Allis was born on August 2, 1921 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Margaret graduated from White Sulphur Springs High School. After graduation Margaret traveled with her family to California before coming back east and settling in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

In Sayre, Margaret's father opened the Seven Sister's Sweet Shop on Keystone Avenue in West Sayre where Margaret worked for a number of years. Margaret then attended Elmira Business School in New York State where she learned secretarial skills. While attending school, Margaret met Frances Romeyn Allis at the Joycrest Roller Skating Rink. Margaret and Romeyn married June 7, 1946 and returned to Pennsylvania, making their home in Litchfield.

Through the years Romeyn and Margaret established a family with the birth of six children. Margaret was a dedicated housewife to Romeyn for 49 years until his passing in 1995. Margaret still lives in the house they shared, where she hosts her large family including 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret V. Allis on her 90th birthday and ask my colleagues to join me in praising her commitment to her family, her community, and our nation.

CLEAN WATER COOPERATIVE
FEDERALISM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2018) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations relating to the State's water quality standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chair, I want to thank Chairman MICA and Ranking Member RAHALL for taking action on the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act. This bill will restore the balance between the Federal Government and the states in the administration of the Clean Water Act.

This bill contains a provision that is crucial to job creation in my state, as well as the entire nation. This bill will limit EPA's ability to veto dredge and fill permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.

I had introduced legislation in both the 111th and 112th Congresses, and requested hear-

ings, to address the EPA's veto authority over the Corps of Engineers when issuing 404 dredge and fill discharge permits. I want to thank the Chairman for working with me to accommodate my concerns.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act gives authority to the Army Corps of Engineers to issue permits for discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites.

Permit applicants must meet requirements that have been established by the Corps and the EPA. In turn, the Corps issues these 404 permits for activities including construction, mining, farming, and other purposes.

However, the Clean Water Act also gives EPA the authority to overturn the Corps decision if the discharge of materials will have an unacceptable adverse effect on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds, fishery areas, wildlife, and recreation areas. While this language may have had good intentions, the EPA can stop a project simply by withholding the permit.

Giving EPA so much authority over construction projects, mining activities, and energy production projects has become a problem in recent years, especially under the Obama Administration.

This free-for-all veto authority hands the reigns of our economy over to an agency that lacks interest in our economic well being. The EPA is not concerned with recovering natural resources and creating jobs for the good of the Nation. They are concerned with delaying—and hopefully stopping—all new development in Alaska, and in your states as well.

To illustrate the power of these permits, I simply point to 2 projects in my state:

Conoco Phillips' CD-5 Development is the first step that allows our Nation access to the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, which stands to produce 2.7 billion barrels of oil.

This project has been studied extensively over the last decade and measures have been taken to lessen environmental impacts. Due to pressure from the EPA, the necessary 404 permit was denied and remains in limbo, as the Corps is considering an appeal.

Finally, I'll leave you with a hard fought success story of the Kensington Gold Mine outside of Juneau, Alaska. The operators of the mine had to take their fight to the Supreme Court to defend the validly issued permit for their tailings facility from challenges by environmental extremists.

This operation employed approximately 300 workers during the remaining construction phase, and provides an estimated 370 direct and indirect jobs, including many for the local Alaska Native communities.

This operation will generate an estimated \$25 million in direct and indirect annual payroll, and will be the second largest private employer in Juneau.

The Kensington Mine is a model project that fully meets economic recovery goals of the American public.

Had the 404 permit never been issued, and had the Supreme Court not corrected the

wrong of the 9th District, these economic benefits would not have been realized.

HONORING CHIEF JOHN TURNER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the city of Beavercreek's retired Police Chief John Turner for his commitment and years of service to public law enforcement.

Police Chief Turner began his law enforcement career in 1976 as a dispatcher with the Beavercreek Police Department. The following year he was hired on as a full-time police officer and later assigned to the Investigation division working as a detective until 1990 when he was promoted in rank as Sergeant. Chief Turner also served as the Team Leader and Tactical Commander for the Regional Emergency Response Team and then as an Administrative Sergeant, Public Information Officer, Accreditation Manager, Budget Coordinator, Grants Administrator and Assessor for the Commission for Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies, (CALEA). In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and then served as the Operations Commander for the Patrol Division until he was promoted to Chief of Police.

To strengthen Chief Turner's education and performance as a law enforcement official, he attended Sinclair Community College where he graduated with his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and then later attended and graduated from the Ohio Police Executive Leadership College. He also received certifications from his attendance at Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Chief Turner has received many commendations and awards recognizing his faithful and dedicated service to the community. In 1986, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 321 recognized Chief Turner as "Policeman of the Year." He has received accolades from the Beavercreek Rotary, the Noon Optimist Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1990, he was nominated by the Green County Victim Witness Division for the prestigious Silver Star Award and was later selected by the members of his police department to receive the Beavercreek Police Department's "Leadership/Integrity Award" in 2006.

Chief Turner is a Beavercreek, OH, native and lifelong resident. He and his wife, Linda have two sons, Tim and Tom.

Thus, with great appreciation, I congratulate Chief John Turner on his retirement and commend his exemplary service as public law enforcement official and extend best wishes for his future retirement.

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BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF
ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of New York's 20th District to recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of the historic St. James' Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, NY. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the community service and historical value that this 200 year old parish has provided our district, state, and nation.

St. James' Episcopal Church was founded in 1811 with the help of several prominent figures and families in this historical region, including Dr. John Bard—President George Washington's personal physician during the Revolutionary War—and the Livingston family. A statue of Robert Livingston is one of the New York statues in the U.S. Capitol Building.

While the parish continued to be home to many prominent local and state figures for the next 100 years, the next parishioner to become a national figure was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After his baptism as a child in the chapel at St. James', President Roosevelt began his 39 year service to the parish as a vestryman in 1906, which ended upon his death in 1945. In fact, his pew—the third from the front—continues to be honored. The funeral of his First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, was also held at the church in 1962, with King George VI, Queen Elizabeth, Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy all in attendance.

Unfortunately, St. James' was devastated by a fire in June 1984 that enveloped most of the church buildings, with the original black walnut pulpit being one of the few items to not be destroyed. The parishioners, appreciating the historic and cultural value of the parish and the buildings themselves, joined together and fully funded its reconstruction, making it as close to the original specifications as possible.

St. James' Episcopal Church continues to be a major spiritual and cultural bulwark to the community of Hyde Park and Dutchess County, contributing to the projects and groups such as the County Rural and Migrant Ministry, the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless, an After School Reading Program ministry, and the Boy and Girls Scouts of America.

I am proud to serve such a historical and dedicated parish as that of St. James' Episcopal Church. Their year-long Bicentennial Celebration is truly an example of the American spirit and embodies the concept of a Shining City upon a Hill.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE TURKISH IN-
VASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, thirty-seven years ago, on July 20, 1974, nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots fell victim to a Turkish invasion of

northern Cyprus. They were forcibly evicted from their homes and became refugees in their own country. Today, Turkey continues to occupy more than one-third of Cyprus with more than 43,000 Turkish troops, making the occupied area of Cyprus one of the most militarized areas in the world. In addition, mass violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Cypriot people continue, as well as forcible ethnic segregation and division of the Greek Cypriot and Turks Cypriot communities.

During the invasion, Greek Cypriots were expelled from their homes, resulting in the usurpation and illegal exploitation of the property belonging to the Greek Cypriot refugees. Massive colonization of the occupied areas of Cyprus has also occurred over the past several decades through the illegal placement of more than 160,000 Turkish mainland settlers, who now outnumber the indigenous Turkish Cypriots by almost two to one. Furthermore, cultural destruction and religious desecration continues in northern Cyprus, where many churches, chapels, monasteries, and numerous archaeological sites have been looted, vandalized, or destroyed.

I had the opportunity to visit Cyprus several years ago and observe first-hand the devastation that the occupation has had on the island for 37 years. Upon my return, it has been a goal of mine to work with my colleagues in Congress to promote a reunified and prosperous Cyprus where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots can live together in peace, security and stability and clear of foreign aggression. On July 20th we must remember our Cypriot friends and commit to work with them to reunify the island.

HONORING IRWIN NALITT FOR A
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Irwin Nalitt, who at 93 has decided to retire from his position as Councilman of Monroe Township in New Jersey. Councilman Nalitt moved to Monroe in 1982, when it was still largely a farming community. Since he first was elected in 1988, Councilman Nalitt has been instrumental in leading the Township's growing and increasingly active population.

Most people are ready to settle down when they reach the age of 69, but Councilman Nalitt was just starting his busy career as a public servant. Councilman Nalitt has held positions as a member of the Monroe Township School Board and Planning Board and served as the President of the Concordia Civic Association for several years. Even today, Councilman Nalitt remains active on the Monroe Township Master Plan Committee and Library Board of Trustees, and he is the Council Advisor to the Commission on Aging.

One of Councilman Nalitt's most noteworthy accomplishments was the opening of the Monroe Township Library in 1989. He and his late wife Helen were very active in the library's construction and maintenance, and they volunteered many hours to make the library a useful and inviting part of their town.

I have had the pleasure of working with Councilman Nalitt on many matters and know him to be one of the finest public servants in the state. One project was to implement his vision of a free shuttle service that would take passengers around Monroe and to surrounding towns. I was pleased to secure federal funding for this project and to work with Councilman Nalitt to ensure that this service not only would be affordable and convenient for residents, but also would ease traffic and boost the local economy.

While the Township of Monroe has rapidly transformed, Councilman Nalitt has remained a constant source of wisdom, generosity and humor. His sense of duty and purpose is a comfort to the residents of Monroe Township, and his bright humor is always well-received at Council meetings. Though he will be stepping down as Councilman, he plans to stay on the Library Board and the Commission on Aging. Councilman Nalitt has been a cornerstone of the Council for more than 20 years, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many contributions and commend his active citizenship as a model for all community residents.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOP-
MENT AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Chair, I'd like to thank my colleague from California for allowing me to join him in offering this very important bipartisan amendment.

As we are discussing fiscal issues and trying to make responsible spending cuts, I'm confused as to why ARPA-E is even on the table. It is one of the most effective and efficiently run programs in the Federal Government. It is an example of what we are doing right. An example of a place where we not only should be investing in scientific research, but where we need to be investing.

Let's look at the internet. We all know that the internet is a product of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA. DARPA was established in 1958 in response to the Soviet launch of Sputnik. Back then, Congress knew that it was government's role to address what was not only a matter of national security, but also pride.

Now, let's look at the energy industry today. We have lost our technological lead, we are no longer number one in innovation, our competitors are rapidly outpacing us in advanced energy fields. Worst of all, we're addicted to foreign oil. Moreover, we are consuming more energy than we are producing, and it is not sustainable.

No matter what combination of sources you think is the answer, there's no arguing the energy crisis in this country is today's Sputnik.

Yet instead of working together to make sure that future generations will have electricity, we're voting to ban efficiency standards for light bulbs. Where are our priorities?

Most of us know, and all of us should know, that we cannot rely the private sector to invest in basic research. Companies need to make profits, and they need to minimize risk. Basic research is risky. However, the return on investment is often smaller compared to the return to the economy as a whole. That's why it's the role of government to make these investments, especially now, as we are coming out of a recession.

Google recently released a comprehensive report which examined the potential impact of what breakthroughs in energy technology could mean for the United States. They found that certain key innovations could: grow the U.S. economy by over 155 billion dollars in GDP per year; create over 1.1 million new jobs; save consumers over 942 dollars per year; reduce U.S. oil consumption by over 1.1 billion barrels per year.

ARPA-E will allow us to make the breakthroughs needed for these outcomes. If anything, we should be increasing funding for this vital program.

Take, for example, one of the projects that Case Western Reserve University is working on in Northeast Ohio. It involves high-power titanate capacitors for power electronics. This project will develop novel capacitors for power electronics in the hybrid electric vehicle and consumer electronics markets. The capacitors are designed with metallic glass that allows spontaneous self-repair. This self-repair allows the devices to be driven to higher voltages and thereby achieve higher energy density. The market for capacitors in power applications is 1.6 billion dollars per year.

Research like this is what will make this country prosperous again. We cannot afford to cut this program, and I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

HONORING DANIEL COCHRAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Cochran. Daniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daniel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Daniel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Cochran for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the No Child Left Inside, NCLI, Act. This legislation, which successfully passed the House of Representatives in 2008, seeks to address some of the most pressing issues of our time: our children's health, education, and future jobs. By creating an environmental education grant program and providing teacher training for environmental education across the curriculum, we can prepare our children for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics jobs that will be the cornerstone of the United States' 21st century economy. Riding the wave of interest across the country that has brought together an NCLI Coalition with over 2,000 organizations representing over 50 million Americans, this legislation is a down payment to grow the next generation of scientists, promote environmental stewardship, and encourage Americans to live healthier lifestyles. In addition, research shows that hands-on, outdoor environmental education has a measurably positive impact not only on student achievement in science, but also in reading, math, and social studies.

Despite these important benefits, environmental education is facing a national crisis. Many schools are being forced to scale back or eliminate environmental education programs. The No Child Left Inside Act seeks to give schools and teachers the resources and flexibility to spark the imagination of our nation's children and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1309) to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011. This important bill reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through Fiscal Year 2016 and secures the program's near-term fiscal health. Minnesota has experienced its fair share of flooding this year. This bill is vitally needed to help communities in my state and states across the country recover from natural disasters.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was established by Congress under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The

NFIP is a federal program that enables property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance in exchange for state and community flood protections. The National Flood Insurance Program is the primary source of reliable, affordable flood insurance coverage for about 5.6 million homes and businesses.

H.R. 1309 takes the necessary steps to ensure the NFIP's long term viability by encouraging broader participation in the program, eliminating wasteful subsidies, and updating the program to meet needs of the 21st century. Lastly, this bill delays the mandatory requirement for homeowners in newly classified "Special Flood Hazard Areas" to purchase flood insurance. The three year delay ensures affected homeowners are not suddenly burdened with new insurance costs and allows them adequate time to challenge new flood zone designations.

I urge my colleagues to support the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011.

HONORING MICHAEL J. STACK, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend Michael J. Stack, Jr. Mike left us yesterday. But, his spirit will live on forever.

Mike was deeply rooted in Philadelphia's civic and political life. His father served in this body from January 3, 1935–January 3, 1939. But, in many ways, the son eclipsed the father. Mike, Jr., was a quiet giant. He was an accomplished attorney and a forceful advocate for regular people. He was a loving husband and father. And, you can find his face next to the definition of the word friend in the dictionary.

But, Mike kept a special place in his heart for the people and the committee people of the 58th Ward. Mike never asked me for anything for himself. But, he was always fighting for the needs of the people he represented. The word "no" wasn't in his vocabulary when it came to them. And they loved him for it.

Mike Stack, Jr.'s, career spanned the great events of Philadelphia's history. He was active in the election of every Democrat mayor of Philadelphia in the 20th and 21st Centuries. He played a major role in the rise of our party in the city and in our state. And he was an important advisor to all of our elected officials, especially to me.

Mike was also a prolific writer, having penned four novels. More importantly, he leaves a living legacy behind him. The love of his life, Fay, served with distinction on the bench. And Michael, III serves in Pennsylvania's Senate. But, we are all a little poorer today for having lost this giant of a man.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and in expressing the condolences of this House to his family.

HONORING NICHOLAS STEPHENS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas Stephens. Nicholas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 337, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nicholas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas Stephens for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 537, my vote was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

INTRODUCTION OF THE 21ST
CENTURY READINESS ACT OF 2011**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, in order for our students to be competitive in the global economy, we must do our part to ensure that they are acquiring the knowledge and skills they need for success.

The skills needed for success go beyond the basics of reading, writing, and math, however. When surveyed, employers continually emphasize that, in our 21st century economy, students need to be adept at critical thinking and problem solving; communication; collaboration; and creativity and innovation, in addition to being proficient in core subjects.

Sixteen states, as well as local school districts from across the country, have formed a partnership with over thirty leading education organizations and corporate entities to find ways to strengthen 21st century skills in their K-12 classrooms. However, this momentum isn't sustainable unless federal policy gives states and districts the flexibility to innovate in this direction.

To remedy this, Representative DAVE LOEBACK and I are introducing the 21st Century Readiness Act. This bill does not create any new programs or authorize additional spending; instead, it would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, ESEA,

to emphasize the importance of 21st century skills and give states and districts added flexibility to develop and enhance these skills as part of their own initiatives.

A growing coalition of states and school districts has recognized the importance of giving our students the tools they need to succeed in our 21st century workforce. This bill will give them the flexibility to succeed in these efforts.

I hope that our colleagues will join us in this effort.

HONORING MATTHEW GIBSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Gibson. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 337, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Gibson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING COACH VIC ROWEN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vic Rowen, a man whose distinguished career as Head Football Coach for the San Francisco State University Gators for 28 years, earned him the highest accolades.

On June 4, 2011, the San Francisco State University unveiled a statue to commemorate Coach Rowen's service as well as that of his predecessor, Coach Joe Verducci. These men were honored for exemplifying "the highest ideals of academic performance and competitive athletics" as well as demonstrating "personal accomplishments as men of honor and character." The statue was paid for by grateful players, colleagues, alumni, staff and friends.

Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1919, Coach Rowen played football in college before earning a doctorate in physical education at Columbia University. He held several coaching positions and then joined San Francisco State in 1954 as Joe Verducci's assistant. He became head football coach in 1961. (Coach Verducci passed away in 1964.)

Coach Rowen's tenure covered over half the span of time that football was played at San Francisco State. In his early years, the school won eight Far Western Conference titles and attracted top talent, but after a student strike in 1968, the football program was

severely diminished by budget cuts. Rowen continued to train players and especially coaches (including his son Keith) who excelled in the sport, although the school's winning record was curtailed. My son, Ed Critchett, an all-American inspired by Vic Rowen cherishes the time he spent with the Gators in the 1980s. Rowen retired in 1989, and football was discontinued at the school in 1995.

Also a respected physical education teacher at the University, some of Rowen's other accomplishments include Northern California Coach of the Year, President and Board Member of the American Football Coaches Association, Football Writers Association of America Award, and the Ernie Nevers Award National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Vic Rowen on the tribute he and Coach Verducci received on 6/4/11. Vic Rowen was a man who influenced both the character and the skills of hundreds of young men and women at San Francisco State University and is loved and respected by all. I thank him for his commitment and service.

CLEAN WATER COOPERATIVE
FEDERALISM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2018) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations relating to the State's water quality standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the so-called "Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011", H.R. 2018. This misguided bill would undermine the Clean Water Act and significantly limit the federal government's ability to ensure that our nation's rivers, lakes, and streams are pollution-free.

This legislation is an unprecedented attack on the Clean Water Act. Because H.R. 2018 would make the water we drink less clean, I think it is fair to call this legislation what it is: The Dirty Water Act.

Sadly, the Dirty Water Act is the latest in a long line of bills from the majority that puts big polluters before the health and safety of the American people. From the Dirty Air Act that would remove EPA's statutory authority to regulate carbon pollution to legislation that removes accountability for offshore drilling operations, the majority seems intent on rolling back programs that preserve our environment, protect our public health, and grow our economy.

Since the Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972, water quality safeguards have been collaborative effort between States and the Federal government. The Federal government reviews State water pollution control decisions to assure that they reflect up-to-date science and protect water in downstream locations in other States. The Clean Water Act was written wisely to allow pollution safeguards to grow with the scientific understanding of the dangers posed by various chemicals and with the technical means of controlling these chemicals.

The Clean Water Act protects our rivers, lakes, and streams. The success of the Clean Water Act is because its regulations are based in science. Legislators shouldn't pretend to be scientists.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on this bill.

HONORING DAKOTA PARTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dakota Parton. Dakota is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 337, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dakota has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dakota has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dakota has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dakota Parton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measure. If I were present for roll call votes, I would have voted in the following manner for the following vote:

Roll 534, July 11, 2011: On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2354: Tierney of Massachusetts Amendment. I would have voted "aye" on this amendment that would restore U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction and Operation and Maintenance accounts to Fiscal Year 2011 levels, offset with a \$140,000,000 reduction to Department of Energy's Nuclear Energy activities and a \$92,790,500 reduction to Department of Energy's Fossil Energy Research and Development activities.

Roll 535, July 11, 2011: On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2354: Graves of Missouri Amendment. I would have voted "no" on this amendment that would reduce the Army Corps of Engineers Construction account by \$1.75 million and increase the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account by \$1 million.

Roll 536, July 11, 2011: On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2354: Scalise of Louisiana Amendment. I would have voted "no" on that amendment that would increase the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account by \$6.36 million and reduce the expenses account for Supervision and Administration by the same amount.

Roll 537, July 11, 2011: On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2354: Woodall of Georgia

Amendment. I would have voted "no" on this amendment that would reduce the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account by \$4,900,000 and increases the spending reduction account by the same amount.

Roll 538, July 11, 2011: On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2354: McClintock of California Amendment I would have voted "no" on this amendment that would zero out all funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in addition to eliminating or severely reducing another 13 accounts in the bill, all of which would cut over 10 percent from the total funding in the bill.

HONORING LINDSAY FARRELL

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lindsay Farrell for her leadership and 25 years of committed service to Open Door Family Medical Centers.

Ms. Farrell is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, where she received the Sol Feinstein Humanitarian Award. She earned her MBA from the Lubin School of Business at Pace University and is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. She has been involved with Open Door since she first volunteered for the organization as a member of Junior League in 1985 to support the organization's efforts to provide quality healthcare and human services to underserved communities in Westchester County, New York.

Since joining Open Door 25 years ago, Ms. Farrell served as Open Door's Director of Operations and Director of Development before becoming President and CEO. As Director of Development, she skillfully managed capital drives for major facility expansions, and as the Director of Operations she led the center's first successful accreditation by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Additionally, Ms. Farrell was a member of the expert panel initiating the patient visit redesign collaborative directed by the Federal Bureau of Primary Healthcare's Quality Center and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Community Health Care Association of New York State, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and the Taconic Health Information Network and Community. Remarkably, she is also Chair of the Westchester Women's Agenda.

Since becoming President and CEO of Open Door in 1998, she has overseen Open Door's expansion from two sites to four centers in Westchester, five school-based health centers in Port Chester, and one mobile dental unit. Under her extraordinary direction, Open Door now serves over 40,000 low-income community residents, twice as many as in the mid-1990s.

Ms. Farrell's commitment to providing affordable health services to underserved communities in Westchester is greatly appreciated and extolled. I urge you to join me today in honoring her outstanding dedication to improving the lives of others.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. On July 20, 1974, Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus and for 37 years they have remained on that island nation as an occupying force.

The people of Cyprus deserve to see an end to this occupation and a reunification of the island in a bicomunal and bizonal federation. Negotiations aimed at reaching a comprehensive settlement are underway. Any resolution to the issue of the current division of Cyprus must be decided by the Cypriots. However, no final status will be possible without the constructive participation of Turkey. The onus is on the Turkish government to play a positive role, which means it should actively and publicly support the process and the reunification of the island. Turkey must also remove its occupying forces.

Mr. Speaker, Cyprus is a long-time friend and ally of the United States. Our two nations are dedicated to democracy, justice, and the international rule of law, and it is my sincere wish that a final agreement for the reunification of Cyprus will be achieved this year.

HONORING TYLER PARTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Parton. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 337, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Parton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING NORMAN AND DOROTHY KREISMAN

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norman and Dorothy Kreisman for their efforts to provide quality psychiatric services to Southwest Florida residents who suffer from mental illness.

In the 1980s, when the Kreismans' daughter Diane came to live in Sarasota with her parents, they were unable to find adequate local facilities to treat her severe depression and symptoms of schizophrenia.

They worked to raise awareness of the problem in Tallahassee and to secure funding from the State to provide quality care for persons who were suffering from serious mental health disorders.

The Kreismans' efforts helped bring Coastal Recovery Centers, which is now Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, its first mental health services contract from the Florida Department of Children and Families in 1989.

Two years later, they were successful in bringing to Sarasota the funding necessary to build the first public Baker Act receiving facility in the county, now known as the Kreisman Center Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU).

Recently, in recognition of their contributions to raising awareness and making a difference,

the Kreisman Family received the Sunshine from Darkness first annual Diamond Award.

Further testament to the efforts of the Kreisman family is a recent four-year, \$2 million award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the integration of primary and behavioral healthcare on the newly dedicated Kreisman Campus for Integrated Health Care.

The Kreismans' determination to deal with this issue head-on has made it possible for many others throughout Southwest Florida to get the care they need to grow and prosper, despite the challenges of mental illness.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, I recognize the Kreismans' successful efforts on behalf of area residents dealing with mental illness, and applaud Coastal Behavioral Healthcare's dedication of its 10th Street site as the Kreisman Campus for Integrated Health Care in their honor.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Chair, pursuant to the terms for debate on H.R. 2354, the Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill; I submit the following.

2010 FORTUNE 100

source: http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune500/2010/full_list/

[Note: Revenue figures for all companies include consolidated subsidiaries and exclude excise taxes.]

Rank	Company	Revenues (\$ millions)	Profits (\$ millions)	Industry descriptor
2	Exxon Mobil	284,650.00	19,280.00	Energy development and production
3	Chevron	163,527.00	10,483.00	Energy development and production
4	General Electric	156,779.00	11,025.00	High-value durable goods manufacturing
8	Ford Motor	118,308.00	2,717.00	High-value durable goods manufacturing
10	Hewlett-Packard	114,552.00	7,660.00	IT equipment development and production
15	General Motors	104,589.00	N.A.	High-value durable goods manufacturing
20	International Business Machines	95,758.00	13,425.00	IT equipment development and production
22	Procter & Gamble	79,697.00	13,436.00	Household product manufacturing
28	Boeing	68,281.00	1,312.00	Defense/Aerospace
33	Johnson & Johnson	61,897.00	12,266.00	Pharmaceutical development and production
37	United Technologies	52,920.00	3,829.00	Defense/Aerospace
40	Pfizer	50,009.00	8,635.00	Pharmaceutical development and production
44	Lockheed Martin	45,189.00	3,024.00	Defense/Aerospace
46	Dow Chemical	44,945.00	648	Chemical development and production
61	Northrop Grumman	35,291.00	1,686.00	Defense/Aerospace
62	Intel	35,127.00	4,369.00	Semiconductor development and production
66	Caterpillar	32,396.00	895	High-value durable goods manufacturing
74	Honeywell International	30,908.00	2,153.00	Defense/Aerospace
75	Abbott Laboratories	30,764.70	5,745.80	Pharmaceutical development and production
85	Merck	27,428.30	12,901.30	Pharmaceutical development and production
86	DuPont	27,328.00	1,755.00	Chemical development and production
95	Raytheon	24,881.00	1,935.00	Defense/Aerospace

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS ARTHUR BEECHERL, JR.

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember my friend, Louis Arthur Beecherl, Jr. He was kind, generous, and a man of great character that deeply loved God and country. Louis passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, Louis graduated from Highland Park High School and received Bachelor of Science degrees from Tulane University and the University of Texas. He proudly served as a servicemember in the United States Navy and had a successful career in the energy business spanning forty years.

Louis' life reflected his love for his community and his belief in service. From serving in numerous civic and charitable organizations to participating in the public policy process, he always sought to meet the needs of others and worked tirelessly for the betterment of our community. His passion for water conservation motivated him to become involved with the Texas Water Development Board and the Trinity Improvement Association. His belief in the importance of higher education led him to

establish distinguished professorships and faculty chairs at the University of Texas at Dallas and to serve on the Board of Regents for the University of Texas System. The YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, Salvation Army, and the Circle 10 Council for the Boy Scouts of America are among the many other organizations he supported. His unwavering commitment to help others inspired us all and his legacy speaks loudly of his impact on our community.

Mr. Beecherl is survived by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Julie; his sons, Louis III and wife Cynthia, John and wife Mary, Will and wife Kay, Ernest and wife Susan, Robert and wife, Medore; his daughters, Jan Davis and husband Alan, Mary Dillard and husband Bill, and Kay Herring and husband Edward; his thirty-five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

I am honored to have known him and called him my friend. He will be greatly missed. May the peace of God be with those he loved and sustain them through this hour of sorrow.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA'S AMBASSADOR KOLINDA GRABAR KITAROVIC

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a founding member of the Congressional Croatian Caucus to recognize the service of Croatia's Ambassador to the United States, Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic, and the work of other Croatian Americans. On March 30, 2011, Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic was named a top deputy to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO's) Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen. She will serve as NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy and she departed Washington for Brussels at the end of June.

Many in the United States will miss Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic. On March 19, 2008, she was sworn in as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Croatia to the United States after serving three years as Foreign Minister of her new nation-state. In Washington, she effectively communicated her nation's desires to join the West and fully integrate her country into Euro-Atlantic multilateral alliances after the dissolution of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the

early 1990s. Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic, the Congressional Croatian Caucus, and the National Federation of Croatian Americans (NFCA) successfully pushed the NATO Treaty to passage in the U.S. Senate, an important achievement for her country. As her record demonstrates, Ambassador Grabar has made a positive impact on both our country and her native Croatia.

The Croatian Caucus was also instrumental in supporting Croatia's bid for full membership in NATO—along with the entire Croatian American community as led by the NFCA—in an earlier legislative initiative. In December 2005, the House passed H. Res. 529 underlining the Republic of Croatia's readiness to join NATO, and I heard from many Croatian Americans in my district and state on the importance of the passage of this Resolution in the House and Senate.

In recognizing the work of Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic, I would also like to recognize two Croatian Americans who, through their work, made a positive impact on myself and on my constituents. As a young high school student growing up in Seattle, I had the good fortune to have played football for one of the greatest high school coaches in Washington state history, who was also a Croatian American: Coach Tony Gasparovic of Ingraham High School. He continues to be remembered fondly by hundreds of his former players.

Another important Croatian American is business leader Ed Loverich, who founded Town and Country Market on Bainbridge Island, Washington in 1957. This store is still a thriving town center today, and has expanded to more locations throughout the Seattle area. These are only a few of the positive contributions that the Croatian-American community has made on the Pacific Northwest, and our country as a whole.

I believe that I also speak for the Croatian Caucus Co-Chairs in wishing Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic and her husband, Jakov Kitarovic, and their two children the best of luck and success in Brussels. We hope her work with NATO brings her back through Washington in the coming years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STOP DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING FOR WOMEN'S SERVICES ACT (SDAWS)

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I along with my colleagues Representatives MOORE, NORTON, CONNOLLY, CONYERS, HIRONO, GRIJALVA, JACKSON, RANGEL, TOWNS, LOWEY and LEE, am reintroducing important legislation that will protect the rights of women seeking information on family planning services. Too often, women who are facing the difficult consequences of an unintended pregnancy are being deceived and intimidated. No matter how one feels about the question of legal abortion, everyone can agree that deception has no place when a woman is seeking information about her pregnancy. Called Crisis Pregnancy Centers, CPCs, they advertise as a source of unbiased pregnancy counseling using neutral-sounding names. However,

some CPCs deliberately use marketing practices which cloak their offerings in medical buzzwords to bring in clients, and then use deceptive propaganda to dissuade women from considering comprehensive birth-control options or legal abortion.

If a woman enters a pregnancy center with full knowledge of the limited services and the center's bias that is entirely her choice. However this becomes an issue when a center knowingly uses misinformation, intimidation or coercion to cause and capitalize on her confusion.

In response to the deceitful practices of these centers, I am introducing the Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act. This legislation directs the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate rules under the Federal Trade Commission Act, declaring it an unfair or deceptive act to advertise as a provider of abortion services if the entity does not provide abortion services. This legislation also states that an organization providing abortion services must not advertise that it does not provide these services.

Yesterday, a judge enjoined a New York City ordinance requiring CPCs to post signs disclosing the limited nature of their services. My bill only applies to CPCs that engage in deceptive and misleading advertising. The signage requirement (as adopted by NYC) tackles this issue in a different way. While I support those efforts, my bill is different because it gives a Federal agency the ability to investigate reports on misleading claims in the same way it can for other products and services.

Together, with this legislation, we can help women facing an already difficult and personal decision gain access to the best and most comprehensive healthcare without facing intimidation and deception.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,342,954,633,916.80.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,694,528,887,622.61 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

REMEMBERING A TRUE ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, PABLO LOPEZ

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sympathy to commemorate the life of my friend, Pablo Lopez.

Pablo was born June 22, 1943, in Bach, Michigan. In 1961 he joined the United States

Air Force serving active until 1965, and reserves until 1967. In 1966 he hired into the Buick factory and he became a prominent labor leader at UAW local 599, the same local as my father. It was at UAW 599 that I got to know Pablo and I am happy I did.

For years after our first meeting, Pablo would call upon me and my staff to help with various issues but he never asked for himself, always looking out for someone else. As a proud Veteran he took up the fight of trying to memorialize their service by naming roads and post offices on their behalf across the 5th district and the state. He was successful at it and I can say if it were not for him the post offices in both Akron and Goodrich, Michigan, would not bear the name of Veteran's Memorial Post Office.

Pablo was an advocate for social justice not only in Flint, Michigan, but across the country. If there was an injustice taking place you would most likely find Pablo fighting it. He joined Cesar Chavez at the Midwest Hispanic Unity March and Rally on June 15, 1990, in Lansing, Michigan, and then traveled to Chicago to join in their march for unity on June 19. The last time he rallied with Cesar was in 1993 in Washington, D.C., always standing up for what he believed in.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to the Lopez family and my gratitude for having met Pablo. I am a better person for knowing him and our community is better because of his tireless work.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY GUTHANS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt sadness that I rise to note the recent passing of a much-beloved member of the south Alabama community, Mr. Robert A. "Bobby" Guthans, who passed away at the age of 82 on June 5, 2011, after an extended illness.

At the time of his death, Bobby was one of Mobile's most revered business and civic leaders. More importantly, he was the epitome of a family man and the dictionary definition of a true "Southern Gentleman."

A native of Mobile, Bobby graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1951 with a degree in Chemistry. He was commissioned as an Army officer and spent the next two years fighting for his country in the Korean conflict. Bobby later served on the board of VMI, as well as on the board of Spring Hill College in Mobile.

In 1971, he became president of B-R Dredging Company, a worldwide dredging operation. Two years later, he was named president of Midstream Fuel Service, Inc., Petroleum Energy Products Company and Tenn-Tom Towing Company—a position he held until his retirement in 1999.

Not only was Bobby Guthans an active supporter of Southeastern inland waterways but he was recognized around the country as one of its great leaders. Among his many roles, Bobby served as Chairman of the Board of American Waterways Operators; Chairman of the Southern Region of the AWO; Director of the Executive Committee of the Warrior-Tombigbee Development Association; Director

of the World Dredging Association; and as a member of the National Waterways Conference.

Even with such an extensive business and volunteer portfolio, Bobby also made it a priority to find the time to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; as a member of the Mobile Economic Development Council; the Mobile Industrial Development Board; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama; the Geological Survey of Alabama; and the Navy League of Mobile.

In 1999, the U.S. Coast Guard bestowed upon Bobby one of its highest honors, the Meritorious Public Service Commendation. In addition, he received the Alfred F. Delchamps, Jr. Award and the National Rivers Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1990, the Propeller Club named him Maritime Man of the Year.

While many would have been more than satisfied resting upon this exemplary record of accomplishment, Bobby Guthans—along with his loving wife, Barbara Ann—believed that real fulfillment in life came about by helping others.

As a result, Bobby and Barbara Ann's generosity of spirit and goodness to one and all made them one of Mobile's most beloved couples.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I will always cherish the time I spent with Bobby—learning from him and watching as he used his wealth of contacts and his heart of gold to open doors and help others chase their own personal dreams. Not only was he generous with his time and talents, but Bobby was also a genuine and gentle man, someone Mobile will sorely miss.

During this time of loss for his family and friends, I wish to extend my own condolences to his loving wife of more than 50 years, Barbara Ann, their two wonderful children, Robert A. Guthans, Jr. and Jean Guthans Wilkins; and their five grandchildren, C. Richard Wilkins, Jr., Christopher Wilkins, Michael Wilkins, Robert A. Guthans, III, and Taylor Lynn Guthans. You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of a man we all loved and respected.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chair, I am concerned about the devastating impact that the underlying legislation will have on the clean energy economy. H.R. 2354 is a disappointment to those working to advance the clean energy economy because it slashes investments—by 40 percent from the President's request—in the new clean energy jobs of the future, ranging from solar to biomass to wind, and new

technologies for more energy efficient cars and buildings.

Today, more than ever, we need investments in clean energy research, innovation, and manufacturing—investments which can grow new industries, create American jobs, reduce U.S. oil dependence, and increase our national security. H.R. 2354 abandons efforts for a new American energy economy that would lower electricity prices for families, reduce our reliance on foreign energy, and increase energy independence.

While I understand the fiscal situation we are in, H.R. 2354 cuts programs that can be targeted to actually grow our economy. The bill slashes Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EERE, by 27 percent, cuts the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, ARPA-E, by 44 percent, cuts Weatherization Assistance Grants and associated training programs by 81 percent, all the while increasing funding for fossil fuel research and development. I believe that this demonstrates that the priorities of H.R. 2354 are aligned with outdated 20th century energy policies that will not recharge our new economy. A 21st century Energy and Water Appropriations Act should include measures to increase funding for renewable energy and clean technology and these increases should be offset by dollars from fossil energy research and development.

To help strengthen our economy and create new jobs, we must rebuild America. In a report released this week by the Brookings Institution entitled "Sizing the Clean Energy Economy: A National and Regional Green Jobs Assessment," it is reported that 2.7 million Americans are now employed in the clean technology economy. The report found that in the State of Washington, there are 83,676 clean energy jobs, with an annual wage of \$46,457. The report showed that median wages for clean-energy workers are about 13 percent higher than median U.S. wages. The clean technology economy has created export intensive jobs; on average, twice as much value is exported from clean tech jobs than the national average. The potential for future job creation in the clean energy economy is endless and targeted investments in this new economy make sense.

As the House of Representatives considers amendments to H.R. 2354, I urge my colleagues to consider the opportunities for economic growth and job creation embodied in the clean energy economy and oppose the misguided priorities in this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
ETHIME EMONINA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great Alabamian and resident of the Seventh Congressional District, Mr. Ethime Emonina who passed away July 10, 2011 at the young age of 34. Mr. Emonina was a remarkable educator, mentor, musician and inspiration to all who encountered him.

As a band instructor in the Tuscaloosa City Schools system, he inspired students to excel in their musical craft and to pursue their dreams of becoming musicians. He encour-

aged countless students to attend college, many on band scholarships. His unique style and spirit warmed the hearts of many, and his trademark smile could not help but solicit a smile in return.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 18, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Godwin and Lucy Eldridge Emonina, he displayed an early love for music. His multitude of talent led him to play the trumpet and piano, among many other instruments.

Mr. Emonina graduated from Central High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1995, where he left his mark as one of the greatest drum majors in the school's history. He went on to earn a B.A. degree from Jackson State University in 2000. Upon receiving this degree, Mr. Emonina began instructing the band at Eastwood Middle school where he remained until he was offered and accepted a position as director of bands at Paul W. Bryant High School in August 2007. He served in this position until his untimely death.

Mr. Emonina, with his love of learning, had just completed and was awarded a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership at the University of West Alabama and was looking forward to applying his degree as an administrator in the Tuscaloosa City School System.

He received numerous awards from childhood to adulthood for excellence in everything from school performance to instructing the band. Mr. Emonina was married to the former Chrishan Garraway and was the father of two children: Christian, age 9 and Ethan, age 2. He was the loving brother of Ovuoke and Venedric Emonina, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Over the years, Mr. Emonina has impacted the lives of many students in countless ways. He built a well-deserved reputation as a strict disciplinarian, mentor, teacher, motivator, father figure and friend. He was a true gift to us all and will be missed. His band has a saying, "Love the band and the band loves you back." Mr. Emonina surely loved the band and the band, the community, his family and the people of the Seventh Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this Nation will greatly miss him.

Therefore I, TERRI A. SEWELL, Representative to the United States Congress from the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, do hereby honor the legacy of Mr. Ethime Emonina for his numerous contributions to the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and the Nation. I ask all to join me in honoring the life of a remarkable man and commending his many achievements on behalf of the State of Alabama.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANK ZOLAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Zolar on the occasion of his ninth birthday.

Mr. Zolar was born on July 15, 1921 in Pickens, West Virginia. After spending his early life working in sawmills and coal mines, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army only six days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He fought with the 1st Infantry Division, also known as the "Big Red One," as a rifleman in the invasion of Africa.

Following the war, Frank moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1946 and spent the next twenty-one years working at the Fairbanks-Morse Company. While living in Cleveland, Frank met and married Lois, who would be his wife of more than 50 years. The two moved to North Olmsted, Ohio in 1959 where they raised their three daughters, Theresa, Kathy and Karen.

Frank has been an active member of his community and serves as a Sergeant-at-Arms for the North Olmsted Democratic Club. Recently, Mr. Zolar visited Washington, D.C., for the first time in his life with Honor Flight Cleveland, a nonprofit organization which flies veterans to see the memorials on the National Mall.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the ninetieth birthday of Mr. Frank Zolar.

HONORING DR. DONALD LINKER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor my friend, Dr. Donald Linker of Tiburon, CA, who passed away unexpectedly on June 16, 2011, after a fall. He was a spirited activist and colorful community character who livened up the many causes he took on.

Born and raised in Kentucky, Don Linker moved to northern California after completing medical school. He served as a physician in the Marines before settling for a number of years in San Francisco where he had a urology practice. He later earned a Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley. Throughout his career, he was known as a compassionate physician and advocate for research on important public health issues like prostate cancer.

Don was married during his time in San Francisco and had three children, Kevin, Jodi, and Dana. He later moved to Tiburon and became active in Marin County. He was a founder of the local schools foundation and served on the boards of the Buck Center for Research in Aging, the Jewish Community Federation, AIPAC, and the Marin Community Foundation. He also found time to become a painter and had a show of abstract art in the works when he died.

Perhaps best known for his extreme athletic feats, Don Linker had his share of close calls whether windsurfing (where he was swept out to sea), mountain biking (where he garnered several speeding tickets) or skiing (including spending a freezing night on a chairlift because of his attempt to get in one last run).

He is survived by his three children as well as his brother Stephen, his son-in-law Richard Steele, and his two grandchildren, Lauren and Sarah Steele.

Mr. Speaker, I will miss Dr. Don Linker's bright wit and colorful sweaters and bow ties. But mostly I will miss his warm friendship and compassionate spirit. Please join me, his community, his family, and his many friends in mourning his passing.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

During this time of economic uncertainty it is important to invest in the future. High speed rail will play a vital role in modernizing our transportation infrastructure, and we must prioritize its further development. If we are to remain economically competitive with the rest of the world, we must invest robustly in our infrastructure and create a true, world class transportation system. High speed rail will revolutionize the transportation industry, and its development will add valuable jobs to our economy.

I am firmly against this bill, which would rescind unobligated funds from high speed rail projects. While I fully support our disaster recovery efforts, there is no reason to do this at the expense of our rail infrastructure. This is merely a ploy by Republicans to cut off funding for a priority area for President Obama.

As a country we cannot afford to ignore this opportunity to create millions of jobs and develop a comprehensive high speed rail system. These cuts would drastically affect the State of Missouri, putting plans for a St. Louis-Kansas high speed rail corridor in jeopardy. We would also lose almost 8,000 jobs and nearly \$300 million in funding for high speed rail projects, including \$3 million in the 3rd District which I represent.

There is no question that we must curtail excessive government spending, a process that will require some belt tightening. But it makes no sense to cut funding for programs, such as high speed rail construction, that will foster sustained, long-term economic growth for America.

I urge all of my colleagues to consider the numerous benefits the high speed rail program will bring to all Americans and to vote against cutting the program's funding. We cannot allow our current fiscal challenges to prevent us from investing in the future while simultaneously helping to kick start our economy.

IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE SHIPP

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a faithful public servant, a dedicated civil rights activist, a devoted mother and wife, and a personal friend, Mrs. Mary Alice Shipp.

Mary Alice Shipp was born on November 30, 1927 in Alamo, Georgia, one of six chil-

dren to the late Aaron O. Cook, Sr. and the late Abbie Hall Cook Steward.

Mary Alice Shipp had a thirst for knowledge and throughout her life continued her pursuit of education. She graduated from the Twin City High School in Telfair County and went on to Albany State College, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She later attended Fort Valley State College, where she became certified in Guidance and Counseling. In addition, she became certified in Career Education at the University of Georgia and became a Master Cosmetologist at the Madam C.J. Cargo Beauty School in Savannah. As the years progressed, she completed advanced training in Christian Education at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

Her love of education led her to teach elementary school in Telfair, Bleckley and Bibb Counties for 28 years before retiring. In addition to teaching, she was an accomplished business woman, owning and operating the Debutante Beauterette in McRae, Georgia for 20 years and was co-owning and managing the Shepard Funeral Home in Sylvester, Georgia.

Mary Alice Shipp served her community, as well. She was appointed to the Georgia Board of Corrections, Georgia Hunger Coalition, Member of the Sylvester City Council, President of the Worth County NAACP, and Director of the Worth County Save the Children. She and her husband, the late Curtis Shipp, were dedicated to the citizens of Worth County and the surrounding area.

For more than 40 years, she was a part of the struggle for civil rights. She was a faithful believer in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the advocacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Because of her efforts, she was recognized by numerous organizations for her selfless efforts to help the poor, aged, and less fortunate. She donated many of her awards and memoirs to the Albany Civil Rights Museum. The Mary Alice Shipp Senior Center, named in her honor, also ensures Mrs. Shipp's lasting legacy.

Mrs. Shipp was a woman of great faith. She was converted at an early age and was a devout member of Corinth C.M.E. Church in McRae, Georgia, where she served in numerous capacities for many years. After moving to Sylvester, she became affiliated with Jones Chapel A.M.E. Church and later united with the Brown's Chapel C.M.E. Church, where she served faithfully until her death.

She was blessed with a loving family, including her late husband, Curtis Shipp, two beautiful daughters, Lynette Edwards and Paula Adams; son-in-law, Virgil Adams; grandson, Xavier Omar Edwards; sister, Annie Pearl Little; a sister-in-law, Delores Cook; devoted step-son, Ricky Shipp; nieces, Beverly Burks, Regina Daniels, Antoinette Smith, Judith Cook, Sara Shields and Nekia Daniels; nephews, Charles Little, Jr., Philip Burks, Kelsie Daniels, Jr., and Jason Smith.

Mr. Speaker, through Mrs. Shipp's endeavors to educate and improve her community, she touched many people. She leaves behind a lasting legacy of dedicated service, and I was fortunate to have her as a friend. My heartfelt sympathies are with her family, as it is always difficult to lose a loved one, but there is comfort knowing that today, heaven has a new angel and Mary Alice Shipp is with God.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Chair, I submit these remarks in opposition to provisions in Title V of the Energy and Water Appropriations measure (H.R. 2354) that would rescind unobligated High Speed Rail funds.

Indeed the recent storms and flooding that have ravaged the Mississippi and Missouri River Basins warrant the immediate attention and relief provided by Emergency Supplemental Funding in Title V. And as a representative from Rhode Island, a state that itself suffered and continues to recover from record level flooding in 2010, I wholeheartedly recognize the importance of this funding, which will enable the Corps of Engineers to repair the damage done by these natural disasters.

However, as Ranking Members DICKS and VISCLOSKEY noted in their views on the underlying bill, H.R. 2354, I too am disappointed by the decision to offset this important disaster relief funding by rescinding unobligated High Speed Rail funds. Time and again Congress has rightly responded to natural disasters with the emergency funding that facilitates recovery in our communities and reconstruction of critical infrastructure. As a Congress, we must respond to natural disasters with the resources it takes, and we must responsibly reduce the deficit. Yet, we must also make the necessary investments that will create jobs now and guarantee the future strength of our economy.

The fact that our Nation's investment in High Speed Rail remains a target for the budget chopping block is not just disappointing—it is a threat to our economy. We have to commit to paying down our debt. But, we must also commit to putting people back to work, supporting our infrastructure, and ensuring our Nation's ability to compete in the global economy. Some estimates say that each month we spend approximately \$8 billion in Afghanistan—just think about that. In just 2 months worth of spending in Afghanistan, we exceed our Nation's entire investment in High Speed Rail. Each year, taxpayers dole out \$4 billion in subsidies to big oil companies who continue to enjoy record profits, and yet here we are, stripping communities of critically important infrastructure dollars.

High Speed Rail is not some far-fetched fantasy, or a transportation solution that should be considered more of a luxury than a national priority. High Speed Rail is a reality. And while we hesitate to get on board, our competitor nations are charging further and further ahead of us. We've seen it in the headlines time and again. China now has the world's fastest conventional high-speed trains and longest network of tracks. Next year, just 4 years after beginning its High Speed Rail service, China will have more track than all of the world's high speed lines combined.

High Speed Rail creates construction jobs in the maintenance and operations jobs in the long term, and indirect jobs by growing access to greater labor pools and driving new economic development. High Speed Rail reduces congestion on our highways and skyways. These are key investments to ensure that America has a fast, safe, and efficient transportation network. And at a time when press reports as recently as this morning indicate states like Rhode Island are experiencing a rise in gas prices again, High Speed Rail provides a logical alternative to our oil addiction.

For the First Congressional District in Rhode Island, the provisions of Title V will strip away \$3 million in High Speed Rail funds. For the state as a whole, it is estimated this Title will rescind more than \$28 million in rail funding. This rescission occurs less than 2½ months after the initial announcement of the allocation to the Ocean State. Not only is Rhode Island battling high rates of unemployment—some of the highest in New England—and a sluggish economic recovery, we now have to battle against the uncertainty and unpredictability created by unwarranted rescissions such as the one before us now in Title V. All told, it is estimated that this rescission will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs in my state alone.

As a former Mayor, I know how detrimental this loss in High Speed Rail is for my district, the state of Rhode Island, the Northeast Corridor, and the Nation as a whole. For the city of Providence and the state of Rhode Island, High Speed Rail is a critically important component in efforts to attract the private investment that will help sustain and grow our economy; rebuild the infrastructure that will allow for efficient and timely transport of goods, people, and ideas; and place people in well-paying middle class jobs. Cities and states all across this country are relying on this investment to help improve their economies, relieve transportation congestion, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and compete in the global economy. Unfortunately, the offset contemplated in Title V will derail these efforts.

I strongly urge my colleagues to vote against this offset because we must not fall further behind as our competitors speed ahead in the global economy.

OPPOSING VOTER SUPPRESSION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this August will mark the 46th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. There are many who say there is no longer a need for the Voting Rights Act. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

It is true that we have made remarkable progress since 1965, including outlawing segregationist principles such as literacy tests, poll taxes and the grandfather clause. However, there is still much work to be done.

As we continue to observe during elections, minorities often face the uphill battle of misinformation distributed in black communities over how and when to vote, and purging of voter rolls and Election Day lines.

The Voting Rights Act was not and never will be about special rights. It is about equal

rights and ensuring that all Americans have the right to vote for their candidates of choice. The reality is that some people out there still want to suppress minority voting.

Recently, Texas passed legislation requiring picture identification in order to participate in the voting process. This systematic use of required voter identification cards will disproportionately impact voters that are elderly, minority, or disabled. Requiring individuals to produce picture identification will turn back the clock on voter rights and do little to prevent voter fraud.

Texas remains under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act due to a long history of discrimination of minority voters. I have strong concerns regarding the ability of minority, elderly and disabled voters to obtain a state identification card from the Texas Department of Public Safety. There is only one Department of Public Safety office in Dallas, and no offices in central Houston. For potential voters in Southwest Texas some would have to travel up to 200 miles to obtain a state identification card. While I am already working to ensure individuals have the transportation to obtain IDs, I believe many poor and minority voters simply will not have the means to obtain this required card. Putting undue burdens on a certain population of voters is not in line with requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

Our values, our freedom, and our democracy are based on the idea that every eligible American citizen has the right to vote. We cannot and must not give up until every American citizen has the access and opportunity to vote—regardless of their skin color, ethnicity, or language ability.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Chair, I am pleased to join with my colleagues on the House floor to oppose the Majority's efforts to cut funding for high-speed rail. As the Congressman from Memphis, a city that was damaged by historic floods this spring and a city in much need of disaster relief, I applaud the Majority for proposing more than one billion dollars in relief. However, I am disappointed that the Majority has decided to use high-speed rail funding to offset the cost.

I am disturbed by the Majority's decision to reach across jurisdictions and raid funding from the transportation sector, a sector in desperate need of investment. If an offset must be used then it should be from funds within the Energy and Water account. I also find it alarming that the Majority is cutting funds for high-speed rail, a program that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to fund relief for disasters that were exacerbated by climate

change. By cutting this funding, we are increasing our greenhouse gas emissions and only ensuring that we will need exponentially more disaster relief in the future.

The United States needs high-speed rail—it is vital to the mobility of our people and to our economic competitiveness. Creating a nationwide high-speed rail system would be a major economic catalyst that would create thousands of jobs, save billions in congestion reduction, curb our reliance on fossil fuels, reduce harmful pollution, and literally, save lives. Recognizing its enormous benefits, nations across the world are investing billions in high-speed rail and are creating systems that surpass existing U.S. rail service in speed, convenience, reliability, level of service, and comfort.

My Democratic colleagues and I understand the importance of high-speed rail and are fighting for vital funding. President Obama also understands the importance of investing in passenger rail and has set the ambitious goal of providing 80 percent of Americans with convenient access to a passenger rail system within 25 years. To reach this goal, the President has proposed \$53 billion over six years to fund the development of high-speed rail and other passenger rail programs as part of an integrated national strategy. I support the President's goal, an important goal that will never come to fruition if the Majority continues to cut high-speed rail funding.

Building a nationwide high-speed rail system is the 21st century equivalent of constructing the national interstate highway system, a project that has transformed the Nation. To create a nationwide rail system, the government is going to need to dramatically increase its rail sector spending. The discrepancy in historical Federal investment between highways, aviation, and intercity passenger rail is staggering. Between 1958 and 2008, we invested nearly \$1.3 trillion in our Nation's highways and over \$473 billion in aviation. Federal investment in passenger rail pales in comparison: we invested only \$53 billion in passenger rail from 1971 to 2008.

The American people recognize the absence of high-speed rail in the American transportation sector and are clamoring for it. Not a day goes by that I am not asked by a constituent about the prospects of bringing high-speed rail to Memphis. And Memphis is now closer than ever to joining the high-speed rail network, since a study I fought to authorize that is examining the feasibility of connecting Memphis to the South Central Corridor is nearing completion. But this important rail line will only be built if the Majority recognizes the obvious value of high-speed rail and transitions from eliminating all funding for high-speed rail development to fighting for additional funding.

Having suffered through historic floods in Memphis this spring, I understand as well as any other member of this body how critical one billion dollars in disaster relief is. But I implore the Majority not to offset disaster relief with high-speed rail funding. We should not be forced to choose between leveraging our Nation's prosperity and paying for essential disaster relief.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our vibrant, participatory democracy and to speak out against voter suppression. I thank my friend and colleague from Ohio, Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE, for organizing this Special Order to raise the warning flag on efforts now under way in many States to erode hard fought voter protections.

In the past generation, public officials of both parties have sought to make it easier for Americans to participate in the political process. With the expansion of Early Voting, absentee balloting, and Election Day Registration, the fundamental right to vote has become more accessible for millions of Americans—all while the integrity and administration of our electoral system has been improved.

That progress and our American tradition of “expanding the franchise” are now under attack. In state houses across the country, legislatures have enacted unnecessary and politically-motivated restrictions on the right to vote.

In my home State of Florida, Governor Rick Scott signed a law that imposes such high burdens on voter registration drives that the non-partisan League of Women Voters has been forced to end its registration efforts. The same law arbitrarily makes it more difficult for voters who moved, to change their addresses at the polls, a process that has proven effective in Florida for decades.

As part of a disturbing national trend, the Florida law also cuts the required hours for Early Voting by nearly half, reducing the Early Vote period from 14 days down to just 8 days. I know firsthand the value of early voting for Florida's large senior population, many of whom have difficulty in getting to the polls. Reducing the number of early voting days will have a major impact on their ability to participate in our democratic process.

Even though Early Voting allows busy working voters more opportunities to reach the polls, legislatures in Ohio, Wisconsin, and Georgia have also passed significant cuts to their Early Voting time periods.

An Early Vote reduction was also proposed in North Carolina, but—for now—has stalled because it would actually cost taxpayers more dollars to restrict Early Voting than to maintain the current system.

Strict photo identification laws, in which voters would have to show a specific type of government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot at the polls, were proposed in 36 States. Wisconsin, Texas, Kansas and other States passed these unnecessary laws even though 11 percent of eligible American voters—approximately 23 million people nationwide—lack the photo ID these laws demand. Moreover, the Brennan Center for Justice has demonstrated that the elderly, racial minorities, and young voters all disproportionately lack access to government-issued photo ID and will therefore face the highest burdens under newly enacted photo ID laws.

In Maine, the governor signed a bill ending Election Day Registration even though 60,000 Mainers registered to vote in 2008 alone. In New Hampshire, the legislature actually

pushed a bill that would redefine “domicile” in order to prevent students from voting.

Is this the kind of message to send to young people who want to participate in our democracy?

Restrictions on the right to vote burden all Americans, but they especially affect communities of color and other citizens who have historically experienced discrimination at the ballot box.

The nonpartisan group Project Vote has found that African-Americans and Latinos are more likely than white voters to register through a voter registration drive, meaning that fewer minority Americans will have the chance to register and vote in Florida because of these biased actions.

Despite these inequities, State legislatures around the country have never justified any rationale for these unnecessary changes except for the broadly debunked myth of voter fraud. These efforts to prevent eligible Americans from voting will do nothing to improve our electoral system, but they will reverse years of bipartisan progress in making the right to vote more accessible for every qualified citizen.

In the face of this assault on the right to vote, I am heartened by the commitment of my colleagues and our partners in the civil rights community to preserve the right to vote, knock down unnecessary barriers to the franchise, and continue to work for the inclusions of all eligible Americans in our political process.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition of the Broun amendment to the fiscal year 2012 Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would transfer \$250,000 from the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to the Budget Reduction Account. At a time of high unemployment and slow growth, the last thing Congress should be doing is killing engines for job creation.

Commissions similar to the Southeast Crescent Regional are a proven tool to help bring vital economic development to some of the poorest and most underserved parts of the country. Even before the financial crisis, many regions in the Southeast Crescent were suffering from job loss, generational problems of poverty and low economic development. Many of the counties in the Southeast Crescent, including those in states like Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida suffer from a high rate of poverty, below average income, and chronic unemployment. Since the economic recession, these rates have only gotten worse.

The Southeastern Crescent Regional Commission is based on the successful models of

the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Delta Regional Authority. The Appalachian Regional Commission in its 50-year history has successfully reduced the number of counties suffering from chronic poverty from 295 to 120—a reduction in high-poverty counties by almost 60 percent.

The Southeastern Crescent Regional Commission will help to leverage Federal, state, local and private investments to create jobs and eradicate unemployment. Therefore, I vehemently oppose the Broun amendment.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to Title V of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

Two months ago, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood visited New York to announce that \$450 million rejected by the State of Florida would be used for Amtrak high-speed railway improvements in the State of New Jersey. To paraphrase a long time champion of Amtrak, who currently serves as our nation's Vice President, this was definitely a big deal.

This needed funding is going to increase the speed and efficiency of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC) in New Jersey. Specifically, funding has been designated to improve the railroad's infrastructure between New Brunswick and Trenton, allowing for train speeds to be increased from 130 miles per hour, to 160 miles per hour, through improvements to NEC power system, signals, track, and catenaries. As anyone who has ridden on an Acela train during a hot day, or sat on a stagnant train during all too frequent power issues, knows that infrastructure improvements are very necessary for this busy stretch of railroad.

Residents throughout the northeast, including thousands of New Jersey commuters riding New Jersey Transit, will be able to have a more efficient ride with most with a stronger, faster, and more consistent Northeast Corridor.

New Jersey contractors, along with construction and rail laborers, are looking forward to getting to work on this needed project. I know that the people of New Jersey thought that this announcement was a done deal.

That is why I joined their surprise when I learned the Appropriations Committee had decided to divert New Jersey's needed resources and redirect this funding for disaster relief for Mississippi and Missouri River flood events.

I strongly support providing emergency disaster relief. I have great respect for my neighbor to the west, the Chairman of the Energy and Water Subcommittee. His intentions to help Americans who have been flooded out of homes and businesses are certainly laudable. We are both extremely sympathetic to flood relief as our adjoining districts have significant flooding problems that require federal assistance to resolve.

But it is short sighted to take away funding for high-speed rail for this purpose. As China zooms past us at 250 miles per hour, our nation putters along with a transportation system that cannot keep up with growing population and demand. Coming off of another month with anemic job growth, we simply cannot afford to pull funding that would create good paying planning and construction jobs that New Jersey sorely needs.

I urge the Committee to find a new offset for this emergency funding. And at the same time, I urge the Department of Transportation to obligate their rail funds quickly, so that we can get past this charade and get this important high speed rail funding out to bid.